

on purpose to expose its inconclusive nature. But no! He specifies one particular of it and no more, thereby necessarily leaving it to be inferred that that is the whole, whereas I have adduced two other particulars. And while he rejects the particular which he mentions as inconclusive, he passes over in silence my grounds for maintaining it.

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## Short Notices.

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*The Evidential Value of the Acts of the Apostles.* By the Very Rev. J. S. Howson, D.D., Dean of Chester. Pp. 170. W. Isbister. 1880.

This is a charming little book, bright, interesting, cogent and suggestive. It supplies a want, and in many ways it is likely to do good service. We quote a specimen passage which tells its own tale:—

I have reserved to the last the topic which appears to me of pre-eminent importance. The constant mention of the Holy Spirit, the constant recognition of the supremacy of the Holy Spirit, is more characteristic of this book, as regards religious teaching, than anything else. So conspicuous, so distinguishing a fact is this, that the book has been beautifully and truly termed "the Gospel of the Holy Ghost." The one most remarkable feature in the doctrine of the book is the prominence given in it to the work and offices of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. The history of the early days of the Christian Church, as told in these Acts, is, so to speak, a specimen of the way in which the Lord Jesus will continue "to do and to teach" from his Royal Throne in Heaven, by the power of the Holy Ghost sent down according to his own solemn words to his disciples, the night before the Cross. "If I depart, I will send the Comforter to you; when He is come, He will guide you into all truth."

*The Supremacy of the Holy Ghost.*—"This," adds Dean Howson, "is the point up to which I am always led on a careful study of the Acts of the Apostles—the supremacy of the Holy Ghost in our system of doctrine and in the individual life. This, too, is the inner meaning of the harmony of this book with the Gospels on the one hand and the Epistles on the other. If there is one point above all others that I desire to express strongly at the close of the present course of lectures, it is this."

These lectures, the Bohlen Lectures for the present year, were delivered in the church of the Holy Trinity, Philadelphia. John Bohlen, the John Bampton of the United States, bequeathed to trustees, six years ago, 100,000 dollars for religious and charitable objects. The sum of 10,000 dollars was set apart for the endowment of the J. Bohlen Lectureship.

*Young England.* Volume I. London: 56, Old Bailey.

We have here the first volume of "Kind Words," under the new name of "Young England." The chief fault to be noticed is the lack of a really good serial story. With this exception, "Young England" may bear comparison with any other magazine of its class. Indeed, its prize competitions, we think, are superior to any. Many of the illustrations are excellent: the frontispiece is the *Atalanta*, the ill-fated training-ship. This is an attractive volume for boys and girls.

*Pictures from the German Fatherland.* Drawn with Pen and Pencil. By the Rev. S. G. GREEN, D.D., author of "French Pictures," &c. Religious Tract Society.

Dr. Green may be heartily congratulated on his German "Pictures." He has described in a very attractive manner the Rhine, the Black Forest, Northern Germany, the Tyrol, Luther's country, and many places of his-

torical interest. Full of information, the volume has not a single uninteresting page, and from dry handbook description it is entirely free. Well printed, with a very tasteful cover, and rich in illustration, it is worthy in all respects of warm praise. The Religious Tract Society's series of pen and pencil "Pictures" form charming and really valuable gift-books.

*My Lonely Lassie.* By ANNETTE LYSER. Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge.

This attractive little book details how a "lonely lassie," daughter of a poor lady of title, becomes a governess, wins the hearts of her charges, gets engaged to a doctor, and after a series of adventures, simply told, becomes a marchioness in her own right, and finally marries happily. The moral tone is good.

*My Bible Study.* For the Sundays of the Year. F. R. HAVERGAL. Home Words Publishing Office, 1, Paternoster Buildings, E.C.

In this tasteful volume are Bible Studies for each week, in facsimiles of Miss Havergal's writing. She was in the habit of sending to a friend, every Sunday, a postcard with text and references written: the collection before us is taken from those postcards, and placed here in suitable form. The volume contains two illustrations, several verses, and an introduction.

*Life Chords.* By F. R. HAVERGAL. London: Nisbet & Co.

This beautiful edition of Miss Havergal's poems deserve, as to type, binding, and general finish, high praise. The book is divided into six portions—viz., "Under His Shadow," "Chords for Children," "Early Poems," "Miscellaneous," "Loyal Responses," and "Closing Chords." The book is, as we have said, tastefully "got up," and there are twelve really splendid illustrations by the Baroness Von Cramm, one of which—the frontispiece—contains a portrait of Miss Havergal in her ninth year.

*Workers at Home.* By Mrs. W. H. WIGLEY. Nisbet & Co.

It is stated in the preface to this volume, that it is intended to be a companion to "Our Home Work." It contains useful lessons to "Young Women," "Young Wives," and "Young Mothers," and may be strongly recommended.

*Wilfred.* At Story with a Happy Ending. By A. P. WINTHROP. John F. Shaw & Co. Pp. 298.

We cannot commend this book so heartily as we would wish. The moral is good; but the tale is weak and carelessly written. The numerous French sentences with which the book is sprinkled, are not very correct; "onbliez" for "oubliez"; "jè" for "je"; "viellard;" a capital A accented, &c. Numerous ill-spelt English words are to be found also—e.g. "defense," "worshipped," "practicing," "vender." The mistake of naming the chant commencing "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace" the *Benedictus*, cannot be reckoned a typographical error.

*Chinese Stories for Boys and Girls.* Edited and translated by A. E. MOULE, B.D. Seeley, Jackson & Halliday. Pp. 80.

As the esteemed author remarks, English children know very little of their Chinese contemporaries. This translation of a Chinese story-book will give them a good insight into the every-day life of Chinese children. The original story-book (two volumes), Mr. Moule tells us, is a very popular work in China.

*Far Out: Rovings Retold.* By Lient.-Col. W. F. BUTLER, C.B., author of "The Great Lone Land," "The Wild North Land," &c. Pp. 386. Wm. Isbister. 1880.

In this volume are brought together "scattered papers of travel." We do not always agree with the author; but many of his observations are shrewd and worthy of respectful consideration. His graphic sketches of life in the pine-woods of Canada, on the treeless plains of Natal, in the far-famed Yosemite Valley, and on the pleasant hill-slopes of Cyprus, are interesting to stay-at-home people who admire adventure, or like to read of the ups and downs of human society in distant lands.

We have received from the S.P.C.K. two volumes of "Ancient Philosophies for Modern Reading"—viz., *Stoicism*, by Rev. W. W. CAPES, and *Epicureanism*, by W. WALLACE, M.A. Ably written and interesting books, with tasteful covers.

A charming book for little folks is *The Toy Book* (Religious Tract Society). It has twenty-four large full-page illustrations.—In *The Child's Companion*—volume for 1880—are some pretty pictures of the Months. *The Cottager and Artizan*—yearly volume—is as bright and interesting as usual. We gladly call attention to these two magazines.—From the Religious Tract Society we have also received *A Memoir of the Rev. Henry Watson Fox*, new edition, by the Rev. G. TOWNSHEND FOX, which we hope to notice more fully hereafter.—We gladly call attention to *The Story of Christmas*: short and simple, but suggestive, and thoroughly spiritual. It is a companion to *The Death of the Cross*, a carefully compiled tract which we warmly recommended for circulation before Passion Week last year.

A good volume of the "Cambridge Bible for Schools" series, is the *Commentary on the First Book of Samuel*, by the Rev. A. F. KIRKPATRICK, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. (Cambridge Warehouse, 17 Paternoster Row.)

From the Church of England Sunday School Institute we have received an enlarged edition of *Bethlehem to Olivet*, by Mr. J. PALMER—an admirable work, which has been formerly recommended in these columns.

From the Religious Tract Society we have received *Christmas Carols*; *The Child's Companion*; *People's Almanack*; *The Pocket Book Almanack*; and *The Scripture Pocket Book* for 1881. Also eleven beautiful packets of cards, such as "Bible Truths," "Peaceful Thoughts," "Helping Words," "Christmas Cheer," "New-year Blessings," &c. The "Circling Year" packet deserves special notice; it consists of four large cards, beautifully printed in colours, representing the four seasons.

*Retribution*—by Mrs. CLARA BALFOUR—(Glasgow: Scottish Temperance League) is a clever story, plainly showing the evils of intemperance.

We have received from Messrs. Nisbet, *Roger Willoughby*, a tale of sea and land in the times of Benbow, by W. H. G. KINGSTON; and *The Lonely Island*, by R. M. BALLANTYNE. The former tale has a peculiar interest, as it contains Mr. Kingston's farewell address to his readers. Mr. Kingston in a few touching words says, that he dies happy in "the loving Saviour who died for me and cleansed me from all sin." Mr. Ballantyne's story is written in his usual graphic and simple style, and possesses great interest, as he depicts the life of those mutineers of the "Bounty," who settled at Pitcairn Island. Varied adventures, interesting descriptions, with useful moral lessons, are happily combined in this attractive book.

From the *Hand and Heart* publishing office we have received the annual of *The Fireside*, of *Home Words*, and of *Day of Days*. Also *What Ireland Needs*, "The Gospel in the Native Tongue," an excellent little book. We gladly recommend these volumes.

From the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge we have received *Bertie and his Sister*; *Through the Rough Wind*; and *Is it All Right?* These are pretty little story books, of which we think *Bertie and his Sister* the best. *Lizzie Andrews' First Place* is a bright little tale. *The Three Millstones* is a capital book for boys. It relates the adventures of an officer in the Carlist and Crimean wars. The three Millstones, we may remark, were Pride, Intemperance, and Vanity. *Christabel* is a story of a little flower-girl; very pleasantly told. *The Belfry of St. Jude*, viewed from a merely literary stand-point, is one of the best of the tales published this year. The scene is laid in France, and incidents of the Franco-Prussian war are introduced with great effect. The father of the heroine is a *franc-tireur*. Of sound religious teaching we have discovered not a word. *Leo the Great* is one of the Series of "The Fathers for English Readers."

From the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge we have received two editions of *The Churchman's Almanack* and two editions of *The Churchman's Pocket Book*, the value of which is well known; also a packet of very tasteful Christmas and New Year Cards.

*Keeping Open House* (Shaw & Co.) is a really good little book. A sort of story, it tells how four girls made themselves more useful and kindly; it is, in short, their diary, setting forth their experiences in a pleasing, chatty way. The book is well printed, and has a pretty cover. Messrs. Shaw & Co. also publish *Soldiers of the Cross*, which can be recommended as a thoroughly Christian story, simple and wholesome. The scene is laid at Flamborough Head.

From Messrs. Shaw we have received two attractive volumes, good stories, with bright, neat covers: *In the City* (pp. 188), a story of Old Paris; *In the Sunlight* (pp. 224), a "year of a girl's life story." We can especially recommend *In the Desert* (pp. 189), a tale of those interesting people, the Cevennols; and *On the Door Steps* (pp. 128), a pleasing story of London waifs and strays of the working-class rank, by Mrs. STANLEY LEATHES.

We very heartily recommend a new work by the Rev. F. BOURDILLON, *The Panoply*, an Exposition of Eph. vi. 10-20. (Hatchards.)

We have received No. 1 of the *Universal Instructor*. Ward, Lock, & Co., Warwick House, Salisbury Square, E.C. This is likely to become a very useful publication. With this part is given away a large coloured chart of the History of the World.

From Messrs. Marcus Ward & Co. (67 Chandos Street) we have received *The Parables of Our Lord*, a handsome quarto, with which children are likely to be much pleased. The volume contains coloured illustrations of fifteen different parables, with descriptive letterpress.

From Mr. Stock (62 Paternoster Row) we have received the volume for 1880 of the *Illustrated Missionary News*, a periodical which contains much useful information, and a variety of missionary intelligence. The book is also well illustrated and prettily bound. It is mentioned in the magazine, we notice, that the sale of Mr. Stock's Penny Testament has already reached to nearly 400,000 copies.